

S E C R E T

321ST BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M) AAF
APO 520

January
13 December 1944

Mission Report # 187

1. 321st Bombardment Group (M).
2. At 1155 hours 18 B-25's took off to bomb Guidonia A/D. None returned early. 17 A/C dropped 1020 x 20 lb fragmentation bombs on target at 1310 hours from 11,000/12,000 feet. 16 returned at 1445 hours. One plane lost, one at friendly field. Axis of attack 290°.
3. Strings of bombs covered area from center of field to revetments on west extending up to hangars. Barracks at GH - 28-29 (Chart No. 3-30A-NA) and administration buildings at I-J - 27-28 hit and two fires observed. Some strings of bombs hit NE and some NW of target. Fire from Previous bombing reported at west end of hangars. One B-25 hit by flak and crashed 1 mile NW of target, just west of cement factory. Four parachutes seen to leave plane, two opened.
4. OBSERVATIONS:
Air-----5 S/E A/C on W side of Tarquinia L/G and one multimotored A/C on same field. 6/7 S/E A/C on ramp in front of hangars at Guidonia A/D.
Ground--40/50 car train in M/Y West of Tarquinia.
Marine--1 medium M/V, 10 miles N of Tarquinia, heading N. 1 medium M/V at Civitavecchia.
Flak----Heavy, intense, accurate from target area, and heavy, moderate and fairly accurate. 4 gun batteries observed NW of Guidonia A/D, and just N of experimental station, and 2 X 4 gun batteries near SW corner of A/D.
5. WEATHER: Enroute: Clouds: 3/10 stratocumulus at 5,000 over mountain and 4/10 cirrus at 20,000. Visibility, Hazy - 15 miles.
Over Target: CAVU with slight haze.
Return: Clouds: 4/10 cirrus at 20,000. Visibility Hazy - 15 miles.
6. Flight Leaders - Lts. McClelland and Shutt.
Number of sorties - 17
Photos taken.
Planes by Squadrons. 445th - 6
446th - 6
447th - 3
447th - 3

ROBERT W. MANLY,
Capt., Air Corps,
Ass't. Intelligence Officer.

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OPERATIONS ORDER)

NUMBER 186)

1. Mission # 185.
2. Target: Guidonia A/D, Italy.
3. Number and Type A/C sent: 18 B-25's.
4. Route Out:

Course	distance	time
323	80	23
323	32	8
228	85	22
290	17	4

Assembly: 1217

5. T.O.T.: 1315
6. Route Back:

Course	distance	time
3077	27	7
300	22	5
260	25	6
143	120	30
89	50	13
7	100	25
7. Number and Type escort: None
8. Bomb Load: Frags.
9. Signals: Bobcat (B), channel "B".
10. OLMSED.

WILBURN ASBURY,
 Capt., Air Corps,
 Group Operations Officer.

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445th - A/C No. 41-12924

P. 2d Lt. Pamp, L.A.
CP. 2d Lt. Neely, W.H.
B. 2d Lt. Menk, W.
E. Sgt. Schviak, W.M.
R. S/Sgt. Johnson, J.E.
G. S/Sgt. Andrews, L.C.

445th - A/C No. 41-29285

P. 2d Lt. Carney, J.B.
CP. 2d Lt. Tarmichael, A.J.
B. Cpl. Castle, R.W.
E. Sgt. Hickey, W.R.
R. T/Sgt. Wilson, J.P.
G. S/Sgt. Imbustaro, A.J.

445th * A/C No. 41-13207

P. F/O Wallery, D.B.
CP. 2d Lt. Charville, L.D.
B. 2d Lt. Souders, W.E.
E. S/Sgt. Belt, H.C.
R. S/Sgt. Irwin, R.D.
G. T/Sgt. Clark, T.J.

446th - A/C No. 42-32429

P. 2d Lt. Rierdan, R.C.
CP. 2d Lt. Bredenthin, H.R.
B. S/Sgt. Milner, W.C.
E. S/Sgt. Franc, J.A.
R. S/Sgt. Cohen, G.
G. Sgt. DeBari, D.R.

446th - A/C No. 42-64509

P. 1st Lt. McClelland, A.L.
CC. Lt. Col. Olmsted, C.T. (HDQS)
N. 2d Lt. Schad, H.C.
B. 2d Lt. Brown, N.E.
E. S/Sgt. Raffler, L.A.
R. T/Sgt. Heasch, G.J.
G. Sgt. Samsel, J.C.

446th - A/C No. 42-32317

P. 2d Lt. Topham, A.H.
CP. 2d Lt. Ryder, D.
B. S/Sgt. Turner, A.B.
E. S/Sgt. Langan, C.H.
R. Pfc. Heltzclaw, J.R.
G. Sgt. Speerl, H.C.
F. S/Sgt. Blake, C.H.

445th - A/C No. 42-32321

P. 2d Lt. Neumann, R.H.
CP. 2d Lt. Watrenan, L.R.
B. 2d Lt. Underwood, J.H.
N. 2d Lt. Miller, E.A.
E. Sgt. Chambers, J.
R. T/Sgt. Bixby, J.H.
G. S/Sgt. Tarr, C.F.

445th - A/C No. 42-53373

P. 1st Lt. Strenger, M.C.
CP. 2d Lt. Knapp, C.R.
B. S/Sgt. Miller, R.J.
E. S/Sgt. Cress, W.W.
R. T/Sgt. Stein, L.
G. S/Sgt. Bea udawre, L.J.

445th - A/C No. 41-13202

P. 2d Lt. Heuse, R.M.
CP. 2d Lt. Walker, R.S.
B. S/Sgt. Smith, P.F.
E. S/Sgt. Dillen, J.A.
R. T/Sgt. Dipietra Atenia, J.
G. S/Sgt. Herrman, B.G.
F. Cpl. Cheesky, A.A.

446th - A/C No. 41-13208 (Lost)

P. 1st Lt. Elliott, R.L.
CP. 2d Lt. Farrell, J.R.
B. S/Sgt. Plaine, R.J.
E. S/Sgt. Wustila, B.R.
R. S/Sgt. Valenti, A.P.
G. S/Sgt. Brooks, G.B.

446th - A/C No. 42-64526

P. 2d Lt. Beulten, R.E.
CP. 2d Lt. Strom, E.M.
B. Sgt. Green, H.L.
E. S/Sgt. Kaney, O.J.
R. Cpl. Orecchia, J.R.
G. Sgt. Skill, D.H.

446th - A/C No. 41-12963

P. 2d Lt. Fetterly, O.D.
CP. 2d Lt. Dickson, G.M.
B. 2d Lt. Mastreianni, H.L.
E. S/Sgt. Carstens, C.H.
R. T/Sgt. Fontenet, V.L.
G. Sgt. Schultheis, T.R.

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447th - A/C No. 41-12930

P. 1st Lt. Davies, R.G.
CP. 2d Lt. Tompkins, H.D.
B. 2d Lt. McDermott, J.W.
E. Sgt. Schwartz, A.
R. T/Sgt. Harmon, R.W.
G. Sgt. Grant, J.H.

447th - A/C No. 42-64600

P. 2d Lt. Andersen, L.G.
CP. 2d Lt. Seavey, G.D.
B. 1st Lt. McCormick, D.P.
E. S/Sgt. Tudor, M.S.
R. S/Sgt. Kaufold, A.
G. S/Sgt. Crewell, J.M.

447th - A/C No. 42-64512

P. 1st Lt. Stephenson, H.W.
CP. 1st Lt. Langston, E.D.
B. 1st Lt. Newaskewski, J.J.
E. S/Sgt. Monroe, T.E.
R. S/Sgt. Czaja, M.L.
G. S/Sgt. Harner, H.B.

448th - A/C No. 41-12926

P. 2nd Lt. Shutt, E. F.
CP. 2nd Lt. Eddy, W. B.
N. 2nd Lt. McCue, W.
B. 2nd Lt. Elkins, S. A.
E. S/Sgt. Pelinsky, M. J.
R. S/Sgt. Joubert, I. N.
G. S/Sgt. Irby, M. J.

448th - A.C. No. 42064552

P. 2nd Lt. Jones, T. R.
CP. 2nd Lt. Van Rasm, R.
B. Cpl. Bird, R. G.
E. S/Sgt. Coleman, S. B.
R. S/Sgt. Oats, T. J.
G. S/Sgt. Hopkins, E. G.
F. S/Sgt. Kepford, F. R.

448th - A/C No. 41-30343

P. 2nd Lt. Hoffman, A. J.
CP. 2nd Lt. Doyle, E. J.
B. Pvt. Patterson, L. J.
E. S/Sgt. Kerr, D.
R. Pvt. Alexander, P. D.
G. Pvt. Penhale, W. B.

448th - A/C No. 42-64514 (Spare)

P. 2nd Lt. Moss, R. W.
CP. F/O Bates, W. L.
B. T/Sgt. Braun, J. M.
R. S/Sgt. Robertshaw, D. F.
E. Sgt. Currie, J. L.
G. Sgt. Sharpsteen, R. E.

448th - A/C No. 42-64655 (Spare)

P. 2nd Lt. Coffee, R. D.
CP. 2nd Lt. Hicks, J. T.
B. 2nd Lt. Feeley, W. C.
E. Cpl. Maurer, C. J.
R. S/Sgt. Riss, R. G.
G. Sgt. Gately, J. A.

13 January 1944.

- 1145 Teehey to 323 Wing. "2 Formations of 12 A/C Mitchels, Penna Point 1235, Castelveiturne 1410, Foggia 1441. Gunnery mission at medium altitude S of spur of Italy, New enroute"
- 1157 21 A /C off
 A/C 498 returned at 1255. A/C 526 C/L at Naples.
 A/C 655 returned at 1250. A/C 208 down near Target.
 A/C 514 returned at 1252. A/C 317 returned late.
 15 A/C returned at 1445.
- 1355 Larson to 323 Wing. "Cleared A/C for Gunnery mission".
- 1540 12th BG (Maj. Ebernath) to Larson. "Wanted to know if we have any A/C that have not been to Bizerta for modification. Stated that we are to transfer one A/C to 12th A.F."
- 1552 12th B. G. (Maj. Williams) to Larson. "Bomb load for tomorrow is 1000's .1 and .025 fuzing. Observed 5 parachutes from our formation and was under the impression that we had lost 2 A/C".
- 1600 Col. Olmsted to TBF. "Requested that we have "Stand-Down" for 14 January 1944--no soap".
- 1700 Larson to Maj. Ebernath: "Informed him that we do not have any A/C to send to Bizerte for modification. Also that B-25 A/C #41-29775 will be transferred to 12th AF--they will cut orders and send them to us".
- 1845 12th BG to Ashbury. "Primary: FOLIGNO.
 Alternate: FALCONARA.
- 340th T.O.T. 1230.
 12th T.O.T. 1235.
 321st T.O.T. 1240.
- 1925 Ashbury to TBF. "18 A/C in place of 24. We will receive a teletype".
- 2015 Ferdte Haven. "Raid 10/15, ME-109's with cannon and rockets, no flak at primary."
- Ashbury to Ferd. "Check on R. R. Junction".

13 January 1944.

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2230 To ODO. "

To:

42 Wing, 12 Bomb Group, 340 Bomb Group, 321 Bomb Group.

From: AD 35, 12th January 1944.
Hqs. NATBF.

Operations for 13 January: The following Air Forces--Operations will be executed in coordination with 15th Air Force. Night of 12th 13th No. 369 Squadron Wellingtons attack PERUGIA Aerodrome. Day 13th January 6 repeat 6 heavy -- -- -- -- PERUGIA GUIDONIA and CECIOCEOLE air fields at 1200 hours with 2 Groups on each. 2 repeat 2 B-26 Groups of 42 Wing attack 342° true course) CIAMIINO airfields at 1315 hours --repeat --- B-26 Group 42 Wing attack 150° true course) CENTOCELLE Aerodrome at 1300 hours. One B-25 Group 321 Bomb Group attack GUIDONIA Aerodrome at 1315 hours. (End Part 1 Part 2 follows)."

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GUIDONIA L/S:

321 N. SIDE OF A/D IN FRONT OF HANGAR FROM
E. TO W. AT 13:15 HOURS. 12TH WILL LEAD 340TH AND
THEY WILL RENDEZVOUS OVER CAPRI AT 8000.

12TH - W. DISPERSAL AREA.
340TH - SW & E. SIDE. } → 13:20
SYNCHRONIZE TIME IN THE A.M.

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Authority UND 745 005
By D NARA Date 3/20/7

13 January 1944

GUIDONIA

ELEVATION-230 FEET

LENGTH OF TARGET-2400 FEET*****WIDTH-1400 FEET

INT. SETTING* 200

AXIS-290

ALTITUDE-11,000 - 11,500

DRIFT-5° LEFT

GROUND SPEED-240

IND AIR SPEED-210

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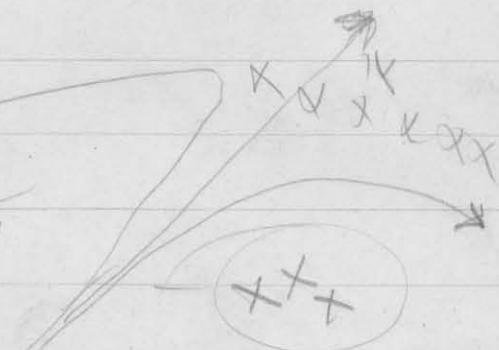
FLIGHT OF NINE
JAVELIN DOWN

Pre Brief	1015
Brief	1045
Lo. operations	1115
at ships	1130
St. Engine	1145
Logi out	1150
Take off	1155
assembly	1217
To T.	13:15

Rtn

1443

Stand by → 08:30



47	41-29775
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448 would like to clean ship
to naples to pick up rest camp
men.

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By 1 NARA Date 3/20/7

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MARCH 10, 1926

FROM WAR DEPARTMENT

BUREAU See RL
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TELEGRAM

OFFICIAL BUSINESS—GOVERNMENT RATES

TO: 42 Wing, 12, 340, 321 BOMB GROUPS
FROM NATBF ~~XXXX~~ AO 35 MOST SECRET

PART II

2 REPEAT 2 B25 GROUPS (12 BOMB GROUP AND 340 BOMB GROUP) ATTACK
GUIDONIA AERODROME AT 1320, REPEAT 1320 HOURS. 12th AIR SUPPORT
COMMAND WILL FURNISH COVER OVER ROME AERODROMES FROM 1300 to
1330 REPEAT 1300 to 1330 HOURS.

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Waltz

LDTW V MDWS NR T3 E URGENCY
TO 321ST B. G.
FROM T B F 121210

GR-----BT

AO32 12/1

BOMBLOAD FOR BOTH GROUPS FOR 13TH JANUARY

IS FRAGMENTATION

TOO 121210

SENT G W D

LDTW RECD NR T3 (2) 1300A

WJS K

WILL YOU TURN BACK I MISSED SOMETHING AFTER JANUARY OK

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Authority UND 745-005
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MARCH 10, 1926

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TELEGRAM

OFFICIAL BUSINESS—GOVERNMENT RATES

TO: 42 Wing, 12, 340, & 321 BOMB GROUPS
From NATBF AO 35 MOST SECRET

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PART I

OPERATIONS FOR 13TH JAN. THE FOLLOWING 12TH AIR FORCE OPERATIONS
WILL BE EXECUTED IN COORDINATION WITH 15TH AIR FORCE: NIGHT OF 12th/13th
NO. 369 SQUADRON WELLINGTON ATTACK PERUGIA. DAY 13th JAN 6 REPEAT 6 HEAVY
GROUPS OF 15th AIR FORCE ATTACK PERUGIA GUIDONIA AND CETOIOCEOLE AIR FIELDS
AT 1200 HOURS WITH 2 GROUPS ON EACH. 2 RPT 2 B26 GROUPS OF 42 WING ATTACK CIAM-
PINO AIR FIELDS AT 1315 HOURS. 1 REPEAT 1 B26 GROUP 42 WING ATTACK
CENTOCELE AERODROME AT 1315 HOURS. ONE B25 GROUP 321 BOMB GROUP ATTACK
GUIDONIA AERODROME AT 1315 HOURS.

W.A.

LDTW V MDWS NR T3 EMERGENCY
TO 321ST B. G.
FROM T B F 121210

GR-----BT

A032 12/1

BOMBLOAD FOR BOTH GROUPS FOR 13TH JANUARY

IS FRAGMENTATION

T00 121210

SENT G W D

LDTW RECD NR T3 (2) 1300A

WJS K

(13)

Jan 12 14
13:30
Elliot

44/16

W.A.

WILL YOU TURN BACK I MISSED SOMETHING AFTER JANUARY OK